

We have a caller id at our home, so we know when telemarketers call, even if we aren't at home. The telemarketing calls show up as "no caller id." We have simply stopped answering the phone when this shows up, but it is incredibly frustrating to have to get up and look at the phone every time it rings in the evening to see if it is actually someone we know. We receive at least 10 to 15 telemarketing calls a day. I feel this is ridiculous. When I was first on my own, about 20 years old, I let someone come into my home from one of those telemarketing calls and sell me a "photo club" because I couldn't say no to the salesman. The club was not at all what he promised and cost me more than what he verbally told me, of course at that age I didn't think to read the contract, I just signed it. Well I couldn't afford what it turned out to be, I was working part time and going to school full time and in an apartment on my own. That photo club has been a bad mark on my credit for 6 1/2 years now because I couldn't afford it, my credit is perfect otherwise. Now I have learned to not even speak to the telemarketers, but I feel that I should be able to have peace and quiet in my own home, I shouldn't have to listen to the phone ring 6, 7, 8 times a night for unwanted phone calls. This includes charities. I can't afford to donate to every charity in the book, I do the donating that I can afford on my own, but I feel so bad turning down people calling wanting to pick up things at my house or have me send money. I am very frustrated with all of the telemarketing calls and would just like them to stop. I feel it's an invasion of my privacy.